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SPARROWS' CRIMES.

The Imported British Bird Solemnly
Indicted as a Nuisance.Painful and Revolting Story of His
Crimes—A Plea for Mercy—
Cats Worse Than
Sparrows.

(New York Times.)

A committee of the American union of
ornithologists has taken evidence against
the imported British sparrow and has in-
dicted him as a nuisance. The committee
reports that the sparrow is an importer,
a thief, and a murderer, and recommends
that he be exterminated without further
delay.The story of the sparrow's crimes is a
painful and revolting one. He was brought
here to destroy the measuring-worm which
formerly infested the shade trees in our
city. Not content with doing his duty
in point of worms, the sparrow delib-
erately and wickedly devours grain, and
thus ruins the farmer's most valuable
crops. Filled with hatred of all honest
birds, the sparrow makes war upon our
native song-birds, and, according to the
testimony taken by the committee, he is
rapidly exterminating them. Meanwhile
he pays no attention to worms, and thus
entirely ignores the contract under which
he was brought to this country. He is a
faithless, gaminivorous, murderous thief,
and even the most hardened crow looks
upon him with contempt and disgust.This is a terrible indictment, but until
the committee of ornithologists submits its
evidence against the sparrow to the public
it will not do to assume that the indict-
ment is a just one. In behalf of the spar-
row it may be urged that he did his full
duty in regard to the measuring-worms,
and totally exterminated these pests in this
city. Is it fair to ignore this fact, and is it
reasonable to complain that the sparrow
no longer feeds on measuring-worms when
the simple truth is that there are no more
measuring-worms for him to eat? In the
absence of measuring-worms the sparrow
has contracted the habit of eating grain.
This is also the habit of many of our
native singing-birds, whose threatened
extermination by the committee is bewailed
by the committee. In what respect is the
gaminivorous sparrow worse than other
gaminivorous birds? Of course, if he is
more numerous than other birds he will
eat more grain, but is it just to call him a
criminal because he multiplies more rapidly
than our native birds?That the sparrow is exterminating our
song-birds may be doubted. He does not
exterminate the English sparrow, and if it
be true that as soon as he reaches this
country he plunges into murder and other
crimes, we must make the hum-liating ad-
mission that there is something demoral-
izing to birds as well as to statesmen
in our political atmosphere. Doubtless
the sparrow fights occasionally with other
birds, and, owing to his skill and pluck,
he usually defeats them. There are, how-
ever, a good many singing-birds still left,
and if they are in process of extermination
by the sparrow the process is a very slow
one. It must be remembered that an indict-
ment is not a conviction, and until the
sparrow has had a trial—over the aid of
able counsel—and been found guilty and
convicted we cannot treat him as a con-
demned criminal.But, granting all that is said against the
sparrow, how is he to be exterminated? It
is idle to talk of shooting him, for he is
too small to be hit by the average sports-
man at a greater distance than three yards.
Even the experienced German sportsman
who go forth from this city to the wilds of
Long Island, accompanied by Spitz dogs,
rarely succeed in hitting a sparrow.
Poison, too, is out of the question, for, as
one of the committee members has remark-
ed, the Australians have already tried to
poison their sparrows, and have in so
doing poisoned their chickens, a result as
unsatisfactory as it was unexpected.There remains but one means of ex-
terminating the sparrow. To the cat
alone can we look for efficient aid in carry-
ing out the extermination policy. When
sparrows are abundant an active cat will
kill from three to four daily. There are
at the lowest estimate 900,000,000 spar-
rows now in this country. Let us assume
that one cat can kill three sparrows in
twenty-four hours. It will therefore take
900,000,000 cats to exterminate the spar-
rows in a single day. It cannot, however,
be assumed that every cat will be ready to
kill its three sparrows, or that the spar-
rows will so distribute themselves as to
place three of their number within reach
of every active cat. At least half of the
cats of the city will prefer steal-
ing milk or taking care of their fam-
ilies to killing sparrows, and at least
half of the cats will keep out of the way
of the way of the cats. In order, there-
fore, to promptly exterminate 900,000,000
sparrows we must provide ourselves with
1,900,000,000 cats, or say twenty-four cats
to every human inhabitant of this coun-
try. Even were this to be done we could
not trust the cats, who might at any mo-
ment refuse to touch the sparrows, and
prefer to become gaminivorous and totally
destroy our crops.It will be at once seen that to supply
ourselves with twenty-four cats apiece
would be madness. Bad as the sparrows
may be, they are infinitely better than
cats. Let us accept the inevitable with a
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